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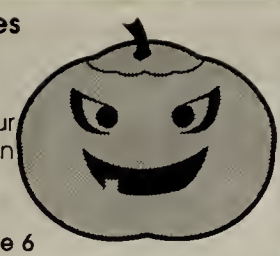

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PUC student murdered, suspect kills himself

Cynthia Gomez found slain with friend at West Beach, Miller resident shoots self after confessing to police

BY MARY VERSTEEG-HALL
Copy Editor

Purdue University Calumet is missing a student, her voice silenced in the dunes. Cynthia Gomez, 19, was discovered shot to death Thursday, Oct. 16.

The body of a high school friend Estevan Jimenez, 24, was also found shot. His body was discovered along side Gomez in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore just east of County Line Road. Their bodies were located between the beach area and homes in the sand dunes.

"It's been a total nightmare," said Olga Gomez, mother of Cynthia, with sadness but strength. "Before she was found, (our entire) family was searching for her. Right from the get go I knew something was wrong.

"I think I am still in a state of shock. I'm still waiting for Cindy to barge in the front door. I know deep down in my heart, though, I'm never going to see her again. She is in heaven and at peace now. I loved my daughter and can not understand why any person would want to hurt her."

Gomez was attending PUC in hopes of obtaining a degree in pre-physical therapy. She also worked for a physical therapist, contracted to work for Inland Steele.

Gomez's sister, Elizabeth Gomez, also a student of PUC is withdrawing this semester due to her grief, said Gomez's mother. Gomez's father, Valentin Gomez, also a student at PUC will remain in school.

Gomez and Jimenez were determined missing Sunday, Oct. 12. Gomez and Jimenez were visiting friends at Indiana University in Bloomington and stopped by a friend's house on Sunday in Portage on the way home. That was the last time they were seen until their discovery the following Thursday, by a jogger lead by his dog to the bodies.

Cynthia Gomez

High school classmate Ryan Budgin said, "Cynthia was a really energetic person. She always seemed to have a smile. I was shocked and couldn't believe it, when I found out she was dead."

Purdue University Calumet administrators chose not to release information or post fliers about Gomez's death because it was out of the university's jurisdiction according to Wes Lukoshus, PUC public relations officer. Lukoshus also stated that until the university is asked by the FBI to involve itself, the university will not get involved because

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Photo by Phillip Johannsen

Three new signs were erected recently on campus. The signs are on the corners of 173rd and Woodmar, 169th and Woodmar and 169th and Wicker Ave.

New signage IDs campus

Check out the new signs if you take a fall frolic around campus

BY AMARACHI IGBOEGWU
Staff Writer

Purdue University Calumet is putting up new signs on all the corners of the campus property. The new signs can be seen at the corners of 169th Street and Wicker Avenue, 169th Street and Woodmar Avenue, and at the corner of 173rd Street and Woodmar Avenue.

The new signs are made of concrete, nearly four-foot in height and approximately eight-feet wide. All three signs have a tan tint with raised metal lettering spelling out the university name.

On the left end of each concrete sign is the current PUC logo which can be seen on several university publications and letterhead. Floodlights have also been installed to illuminate the signs at night.

Plans to improve the aesthetic look of each corner also include landscaping. Trees and shrubbery will be placed strategically near the signs adding a prestigious look to the campus.

Supervisor in charge of the project, John Collier, said the old signs, which were deteriorating, had been in their locations for more than 20 years. Lighting of the logos was scheduled for Oct. 3, but the official lighting has been postponed until a later date, possibly this month.

One of the other ongoing outdoor projects on campus is Founders Plaza, which began last spring. Founders Plaza was materially designed to represent northwest Indiana. The steel herons made of iron near the center of the plaza represent the industrial ore taken from northwest Indiana's resources.

The wild grass, planted throughout the plaza, represents the type of grass indigenous to the northwest Indiana area, surrounding the dunes and other prairie areas. The pathways and walkways, which weave in and out of the plaza, are symbolic of the Grand Calumet River and how it winds through several communities throughout the northwestern portion of Lake County.

Wes Lukoshus, director of the Purdue University Relations, said Founders Plaza has come a long way. The area it now occupies was once a street that ran from Ontario Street to Woodmar Avenue, formerly 171st Street, but the city of Hammond decided to vacate the area and turned the property over the university.

"I'm pleased with the development of the plaza. It serves as a place for students and faculty to congregate and relax," said Lukoshus.

Phase one of the project was completed last spring. Most of the development in Founders Plaza is dependent on private funding. One of the sources of funding are engraved four-inch by eight-inch red bricks that can be purchased for $100 and $175 respectively.

Individuals who purchase the bricks can have a family name or an individual name inscribed on that brick signifying that a donation was made.

Seek no shade here

Recent demise of trees leaves campus a little less leafy

BY LAUREN R. MATHEWS
News Editor

In the past two weeks five trees have been cut down on campus, the most notable of these being the 75 foot tall Cottonwood in front of the Student Faculty Library building. The tree was approximately 80 years old and had to be removed after the south side of the tree was struck and partially destroyed by lightning Saturday, Oct. 12.

Three Black oaks and one Whiteoak were removed from the grounds near the Porter building and one Paperbirch was removed along the tree trail. The four trees near the Porter building had succumb to what John Bachman, the PUC Grounds Supervisor, calls "parking lot disease." This severs the roots, weakening the trees and causing them to lean, endangering vehicles and passersby.

The Paperbirch was infested with borers, insect larva that burrowed into the bark. The tree did not recover, although it was being treated for the infestation.

"The campus will only continue to look better as long as I'm here, our concern for safety prompted us to remove the trees, they were cut for safety reasons, not as a defacement. We will be replanting in the spring," Bachman said.

The grounds keepers will be replanting trees in front of the SFLC building, and additional parking will be added near the Porter building now that the trees have been cut.

School of Engineering, Math & Science introduces Dean's mentoring board

BY PAMELA UTTERBACK
Contributor

The Dean's mentoring board for the new School of Engineering, Math and Science was announced recently.

Student mentors include Jon C. Aros, Kelly Martin, Tom Falcone, Barbara Oliphant, Richard Franzen, Robert Pettay, Jacob Gettig, Bryan Peterson, Walter Jessen, Wendy Riegel, Elizabeth Kenyon, Nancy Vizza and Cathy Zalewski.

The concepts behind mentoring are guiding, leading and providing support. The goal of the Dean's mentoring program is to assist incoming undergraduate students as they become orientated to their respective disciplines, and to help students learn to balance the triad of school, work, and personal lives.

"When I came to Purdue Calumet, I didn't have a mentor I could just ask questions or talk to. If the students on campus choose to take advantage of this opportunity, they'll find it a valuable tool as they work toward their goals," said Nancy Vizza, engineering major, at the mentoring board announcement.

Mentors shared their own personal experiences at PUC, as well as advice and information on the value of education, and the drive and ambition it takes to finish.

"When I entered the program, I ran across a quote that has always stuck with me. 'Success is not necessarily making it in the business. It's more about the ability to finish what you started!' Students need to realize the commitment and drive it takes to finish," stated Elizabeth Kenyon, mentor.

"As a freshman, chemistry is very difficult. You're going to be asked to accept many theories on faith. Many students are frightened away by this, but as you progress and start to realize how these theories relate to the world around you, things begin to crystallize. It is important to keep your focus on your goal and persevere," said Jon Aros, chemistry mentor. Aros is

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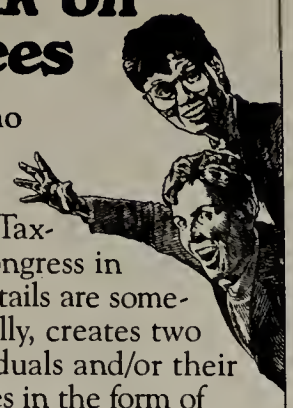
Early registration begins today through December 5 ... Contact your advisor today! ... Happy Halloween

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Catch a (tax) break on spring semester fees



Come Jan. 1, you and your families who foot the bill to attend Purdue Calumet can look forward to catching a break.

That's when a new tax credit law, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, passed by Congress in August, goes into effect. Though the details are somewhat complex, the legislation, essentially, creates two opportunities for college-paying individuals and/or their families to recoup some of their expenses in the form of tax credits.

One opportunity is called the Hope Scholarship. The other is the Lifetime Learning Credit.

Hope Scholarship

The Hope Scholarship, for starters, is NOT a scholarship as such; it is a tax credit. The credit is up to $1,500 annually for the tuition and fees paid during the first two years of a student's college enrollment.

For a family in which several individuals are in their first two years of college, a credit of up to $1,500 is available for each student.

Exactly how much credit an individual/family qualifies for is subject to rules and criteria—that's where things get complex. But as best we can, we'll try to communicate these details to you through letters, campus meetings and other sources.

Certainly, the up side to this new law is that you/your family can deduct up to $1,500 from the 1998 income tax you/your family will pay in 1999. That means, you/your family can start to accrue your tax credit with the fees you will pay for next semester.

It is important to note, however, that in order to qualify for a tax credit on next semester's fees, you/your family must pay those fees **after Dec. 31.**

For that reason, the payment deadline for spring semester early registrants has been extended to ***7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 5.***

In other words, you can still get the classes you want by taking advantage of the Early Registration period (through Dec. 5). And if you wait to pay until Jan. 2 or 5, you/your family will qualify for the Hope Scholarship tax credit.

The Lifetime Learning Credit

The Lifetime Learning Credit is a follow-up to the Hope Scholarship in that it provides a tax credit for college expenses ***after*** the first two years of attending school. Unlike the Hope Scholarship, the credit is limited to $1,000 per tax return, regardless of how many eligible family members are attending college.

The Lifetime Learning Credit also is intended to be an incentive for employees to return to college for job skill upgrading or career retraining.

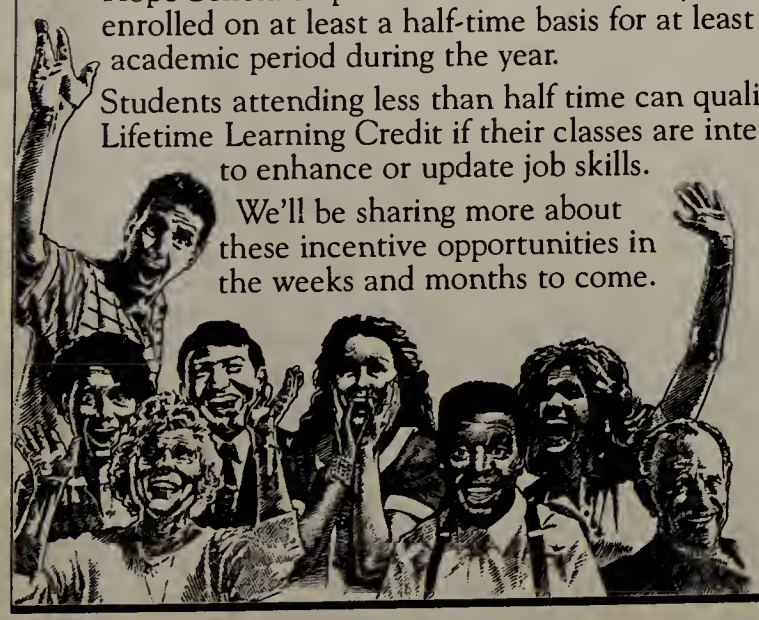
The LLC can be accrued on tuition and fees paid after next June 30.

Course loads

Hope Scholarship credit can be claimed by students enrolled on at least a half-time basis for at least one academic period during the year.

Students attending less than half time can qualify for Lifetime Learning Credit if their classes are intended to enhance or update job skills.

We'll be sharing more about these incentive opportunities in the weeks and months to come.



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around campus

PUC's Total Fitness Center Wellness Weekend VII

The program will take place on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost will be $10. The program will consist of "Steppin Tensity" from 1 to 3 p.m. and "Box Out Step" from 3 to 4 p.m. Bring your own step. Sessions will be presented by Nancy Norkiewicz AFAA/ACE Certified AFAA Consultant. Register at the door, bring you step and $10. Participants for both sessions should come dressed and ready to workout. For more information call 989-2175.

Women to Women sponsor lectures

Women to Women will be sponsoring lectures on "The Power of the Mind."

The speaker will be Juanita F. Waring, a recent graduate of Purdue. She has seven years of training in "The Power of the Mind" and two years in "Course in Miracles." The lecture, "Prosperity - A State of Mind," will take place Saturday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to noon in SFLC-301. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Three-on-three basketball tournament

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will host a three on three basketball tournament on Saturday, Nov. 1 beginning at noon in the PER gym. The cost is $20 per team. Teams may consist of three to four players. Register and pay at the table in the concourse from Oct. 27 to Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The tournament is open to all PUC students and staff. PUC I.D. required. Call 924-3442 and ask for Laura with any questions or leave a message.

Triangle of Friends reception

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) of Northwest Indiana is hosting a reception for Triangle of Friends on Monday, Nov. 3 at 2:30 p.m. in SFLC-321. All interested and supportive students and faculty are invited to attend.

NBSE donation collection

The Salvation Army, a community service/rehabilitation organization, has suffered a devastating loss in a recent fire. They are asking for donations of cleaning materials, non-perishable items, linens, bedding, and clothing. The National Society of Black Engineers, (NBSE) has picked up the charge of collecting donated items. The Salvation Army will come to campus and pick up these items. NBSE is asking the campus community for help in donating the following items for this worthy organization. The following items are: Lysol/Pinesol, Non-perishable food items, Cleaning materials. For further information, please contact Renee Williams at 989-2737 for drop off points.

PUC Women's Studies Brown Bag Series

"Dr. Lucy Brown: America's foremost Botanist, Ecologist, Conservationist and Educator" will be presented by Dr. Young Choi, Associate Professor Biological Sciences on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at noon in room SFLC-321.

Lunch-Time Seminar on PUC Faculty Research

"Is Ethical Knowledge Possible?" will be presented by Dr. David Detmer, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Wednesday, Nov. 5 in SFLC-301 from noon to 12:50 p.m.

PUC Physics Seminar Series

"Cryogenic treatment of tool Steels" will be presented by Dr. Harvey Abramowitz of the Engineering Department of Purdue University Calumet, Thursday, Nov. 13 in GYTE-208 from 4 to 4:50 p.m.

Coffee and refreshments will be served at 3:40 p.m. in GYTE-208

General Assembly Meetings

Purdue Calumet's Student Government would like to announce the General Assembly Meeting . The meeting is Thursday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. in SFLC-321. General Assembly Meetings are open to the public. Members of the student body are highly encouraged to attend.

PCIA looking for members

Purdue Club for International Affairs is looking for members and potential officers. The goals of this student club are to increase global awareness among members, facilitate international travel and study opportunities, conduct social activities to introduce students to different aspects of other cultures, make new friends, have fun, and party. For more information please contact Gideon Falk at 989-2603 or 989-2388.

Diabetes support group to meet

The open diabetes support group will meet Thursday, Oct. 30 from 7 to 9

Quote of the week

'Our lives begin to end when we become silent about things that matter.'

-Thomas Mihail, Ph.D.

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p.m. in SFLC-305. Open to faculty, staff, students and the community. It is for people with diabetes and their loved ones. For additional information call Constance Karras at 836-5461.

Symphony welcomes Purdue Glee Club

The Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra lead by Principal Guest Conductor, Lawrence Rapchak, welcomes the Purdue University Glee Club on Wednesday, Oct. 29 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville.

Tickets for Purely Purdue are $27, $24 and $22. Special $5 Student Rush tickets are available on the day of the concert. Students must show valid school identification card at the box office. To order tickets call the Symphony office at 836-0525.

Police Blotter

For the weeks
Oct. 6 – Oct. 19

All information is based on official Purdue University Calumet police reports and charges are preliminary, pending review by proper authorities.

Friday, Oct. 17

8:30 a.m. Two men's restroom stalls in Potter building, POTR-116, were vandalized, PUC police reported.

9 a.m. An accident involving minor property damage occurred in the Potter building parking lot south of the Student Faculty Library Center, police report.

Thursday, Oct. 16

3 p.m. A female student reported that she was harassed by a male student in the vending area of the Physical Education Recreational building, according to PUC police reports.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

8:38 a.m. An accident involving minor property damage occurred in the Potter building parking lot south of the Student Faculty Library Center, police report.

11:30 a.m. Merrillville Police inquired about a PUC student reported missing to their department.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

9 a.m. A wallet was allegedly stolen from a staff member who was in the Student Faculty Library Center cafeteria, according to PUC police.

Monday, Oct. 13

1:30 p.m. A painting was allegedly stolen from the northeast corner of the SFLC region room, PUC police report.

Sunday, Oct. 12

7:55 p.m. Gasoline was poured over a vehicle in the Potter building parking lot near the Gyte building, according to PUC police reports.

Saturday, Oct. 11

4:10 a.m. PUC police responded to a traffic accident in the Potter building parking lot involving property damage estimated at $400.

Friday, Oct. 10

12:10 a.m. A license plate number 54887B from a 1991 GMC pickup truck was reported stolen in the Potter building parking lot near the Gyte building. Also taken was a cellular phone.

4:45 p.m. A student was reported as acting disorderly in the PWRS Main Computer Lab-108.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

7:25 p.m. A female student was harassed by a male student in the Potter building parking lot, south of the Student Faculty Library Center building, according to PUC police reports.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

11:30 a.m. Three men's restroom stalls were vandalized in the Gyte

Mentors

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thinking about teaching chemistry to give the discipline the recognition it deserves.

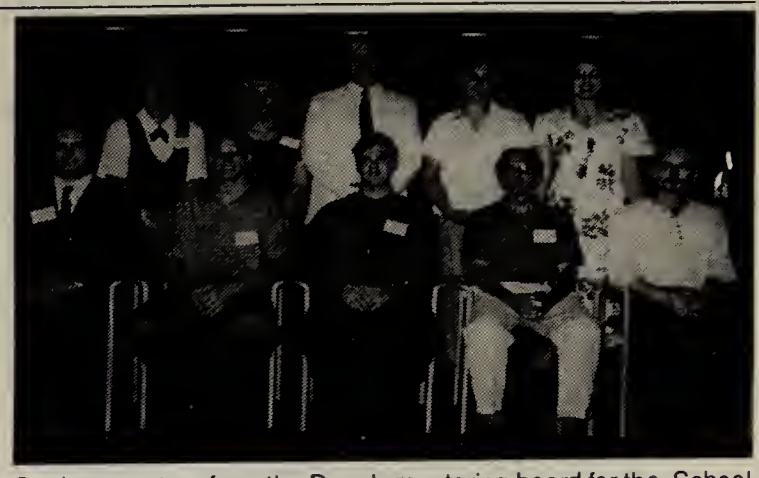
Mentors discussed the advantages of a commuter campus. "Realize you're lucky to be attending a smaller school because of the class size and the availability of faculty to assist you with problems and questions," said Richard Franzen, math mentor.Electrical Engineering Mentor Bryan Peterson chose a computer emphasis.

"There are three types of engineering programs; mechanical, electrical, and electrical with computer emphasis. The successful student will make sure they understand the difference between these three types, and pursue the area that brings them personal satisfaction," suggested Peterson.

Rochelle Robertson, coordinator of teaching assistant mentoring said, "Mentoring is the first step to building relationships across campus. I am excited to be a part of this new initiative and encouraged by the participation of all present."

Dan Dunn, acting Dean of the School of Engineering, Math, and Science, offered, "I am grateful to the mentors, faculty, and staff in our new school who support this important activity."

Contact Charlette Routh for more information regarding the mentors of the School of Engineering, Math and Science, ext. 2468.



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Murders

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test. Two hours after his release at approximately 11:40 a.m., Sease shot himself during a taped telephone call to the Portage police, after confessing to the murders.

PUC police were contacted Oct.15 by Merrillville police about Gomez, requesting they search for Gomez's car. After Gomez and Jimenez were discovered, PUC administrators chose not to release information or post fliers about the reward being offered for information leading to the arrest of the guilty party, said Wes Lukoshus, PUC public relations officer. It was out of the university's jurisdiction, and until asked by the police we will not involve ourselves, said Lukoshus.

"This is a tragedy," said FBI Supervisory Special Agent Lou Caprino, who is working on the case. The case is under the FBI's jurisdiction because the bodies were discovered on federal land.

Lansing artist's work on display

BY KEENAN HYATT
Staff Writer

Susan Zmuda is the artist of the current art display in the PUC library gallery. The artwork has been on display since Oct. 1.

Her artwork is based on her love for the summer season. The purpose of her artwork is to depict the gentle side of nature. "I want people to discover the vast array of hues and rhythms in this vibrant season," said Zmuda. Most of Zmuda's pictures deal with flowers.

Zmuda is from Lansing, Ill. and has been painting since the age of thirteen. She inspired herself to start painting.

Zmuda does not feel that her artwork is at risk in spite of the recent artwork thefts in the PUC library gallery.

"I do not in any way feel threatened because of the subject matter the previous artist had used. His paintings deal with famous people, I deal with nature in itself," said Zmuda.

Pete Escobedo was the artist who lost four of his paintings to thefts in September.

None of Zmuda's artwork has yet to published, but she hopes that soon she will get her chance. Besides PUC, her artwork has been displayed at the Northern Indiana Art Institute in Munster, the Chesterton Art Institute and the Vogt Visual Institute in Tinley Park.

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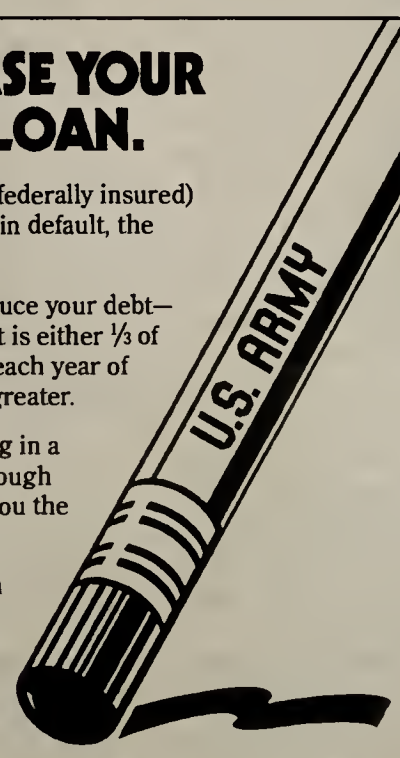

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New signs are more than just lawn ornaments

Recently the university updated the signs on the corners of the campus. The old signs were difficult to read during the day and even harder to read at night. They no longer accurately represented the image of Purdue University Calumet. The new bold signs are a refreshing change and they say a lot about the university.

First impressions are lasting and even something as small as a sign can say much about our university. The new signs are like the brand name of a product. David Aker, author of "Building Strong Brands," wrote, "The greatest thing a brand can have is a heritage and consistency over time." The new signs are the brand of our university and are symbolic of our heritage and history that continues to grow stronger every year.

It is not always the case that the university receives positive feedback about projects such as this. These new signs are a fresh and accurate representation of the image of Purdue University Calumet. These signs are a reflection and subtle reminder of strength and stability; just two of the things the university should be constantly moving toward.

Is it really time for change?

We all know the feeling. You are just a nickel short of the price of that bag of chips in the vending machine and all you have is a $5 bill. You have probably also tried to buy a can of pop, only to find that all you have is a crinkled and bent dollar bill. The result is you either go thirsty or end up with a pocket full of change.

These problems would be a thing of the past if students of Purdue University Calumet had vending debit cards for the vending machines on campus. Vending debit cards would be a convenient alternative method to pay for vending products.

We would all benefit from the faster accessibility and convenience. In addition, special discounts should also be offered for those who use the vending debit cards such as with the copy machine cards.

Competition motivates innovation. A company cannot survive if it provides inefficient or inconvenient service when another company provides better. There is no competition to force the current company to make improvements. The highest level of service is owed to everyone in the Purdue University Calumet community who spends their money every day in the vending machines on campus. The company should take the initiative in making a change or we should have the option to choose better service.

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Voyeur today, who knows what tomorrow

MARY VERSTEEG-HALL
Copy Editor

Did you know a man was discovered hiding in the Purdue University Calumet Library women's bathroom last semester? If no is your answer, it is because the administration chose to withhold the information from the campus. Under the Campus Crime Act of 1990, however, the administration is supposed to release information concerning criminal activity to the campus that poses a threat to the campus's person or property. They also are supposed to do this in a timely manner to prevent the incident from occurring again.

The only reason you are finding out about this is because it fell into my lap, when I was investigating the Escobedo artwork alleged thefts. I discovered that Library officials ordered surveillance cameras prior to the artwork incidents due to the alleged voyeur in the bathroom. Those responsible for releasing information believed telling the campus about every voyeuristic incident would unnecessarily strike fear into the heart of the campus.

This was after the administration expressed the belief that a man hiding in a bathroom was a potential threat to a student (for example, me).

Sounds confusing doesn't it? If they thought it was a potential threat, they should have warned the campus. Well I wonder if it had been administrators sitting, drawers down around ankles, in an empty, dim, isolated bathroom with a man hovering over head as they defecated, they might be able to explain with less confusion why they did not release this information to the campus. But if not, I did a little research to help out. Just my way of making minds more sharp and clear when dealing with issues such as this.

Ressler, who studies rapists and worse, wrote in his 1986 article entitled "Murderers Who Rape and Mutilate," published in the "Journal of Interpersonal Violence," that he found that "71 percent of the sex-related murderers he studied reported early interests in voyeurism." There is an abundant amount of research which clearly indicates that many men who begin their sex crime career as a voyeur eventually commit far more serious sex crimes (Sex Crimes, Holmes, p.20). In other words, many serious sex offenders do not start out ripping their victims to pieces for pleasure. They often begin by engaging in nuisance sex crimes such as voyeurism. The voyeur will return. It may not be on our campus. But he will return somewhere to commit voyeurism or worse.

Unfortunately with any addiction, it's never enough: one day he's a "Peeping Tom," the next day perhaps a rapist, and finally a predator fully equipped with fangs and claws ready to cut down someone's life, maybe even yours. He needs help, and the campus needs to be educated of his presence so they can avoid him.

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A face, an example lets say, of a serial rapist/murderer who began as a voyeur is the one and only Ted Bundy, who at the age of nine began his reign of terror as a voyeur. We all remember Mr. Ted Bundy, right? He raped, mutilated and killed 35 women, possibly more. He also was a clean cut lawyer, sporting a suit and tie. Deception is the game many of these criminals play. It's how they get into our bathrooms; it's how they destroy lives. Some theory to go behind why Mr. Bundy went from voyeur to butcher is provided by a Dr. Robert I. Simon, who has both studied and written about these types of criminals. While profiling Bundy Simon declared, "most serial sexual killers progress through an escalating series of antisocial acts before they begin killing. Such people do not wake up one morning to discover their monstrous identity." Simon then lists one of those "antisocial acts" as voyeurism.

The overall reason the campus was not informed was due to the administrations' opinion that it wasn't serious enough. It is. Today's "Peeping Tom" is possibly tomorrow's serial rapist/killer. All voyeuristic cases, including alleged cases, need to be brought out with specific details about the time and place it occurred.

Giving people the knowledge they need about criminal activity gives them the choice to avoid potentially dangerous situations. If striking fear into individuals was a valid excuse for leaving the public ignorant of potential dangers, our society would be unable to foresee dangers, unable to make choices for itself. For example, why tell people that wearing a seat belt will help save their lives.

When applying the theory used by the administration towards releasing information, the administration would say this might make people afraid to drive. A warning is a warning. It gives us the choice to decide if we need to safeguard ourselves against potential danger.

The students had a right to be informed about a man hiding in the Library bathroom. Whether or not the students possibly would become uncomfortable is irrelevant. Furthermore, the campus prefers feeling uncomfortable to being spied on in the bathroom, or raped in the bathroom, or murdered in the bathroom. The administration was obligated to inform students of potential danger, and they fumbled the ball.

Commencement to be held at Radisson Star Plaza

Moving ceremony off campus will reduce costs and increase comfort administration says

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
Managing Editor

For the first time in more than ten years, commencement will be held off campus. In an effort to accomodate more guests, PUC commencement will be at the Star Plaza Theater.

The idea was proposed to the commencement committee three years ago, but was not finalized until last year, according to Lon Lawson, registrar.

The capacity of the PER building and comfort of the students and guests were the deciding factors in moving off campus, said Lawson. The PER building not only limited the space for the graduates, but the number of family members allowed to attend.

"Asking our grandmothers to climb the bleachers was an accident waiting to happen," said Lawson.

The Star Plaza is a facility that was designed to handle large crowds. The theater seats 3,400 people and has ample parking to accommodate the graduates and their families. It also provides a climate controlled environment, padded seats and ideal acoustics. According to Lawson these amenities will increase the safety and comfort of everyone in attendance.

The difference in the cost of the rental of the theater and the cost of having commencement on campus is less than $1,000, according to Lawson. When commencement is held on campus, the university must pay for utilities, security, janitorial staff and sound system rental. The Star Plaza includes all of these items in the price of rental.

The university signed a one-date contract for this year's event. After the ceremony the commencement committee will evaluate the event and determine whether it will continue the relationship with the Star Plaza.

"We are not married to the idea," said Lawson.

William Robinson, communication and creative arts department head, is one of the longest standing members of the commencement committee. The committee took quite a while to get used to the idea that the ceremony would be held off campus, according to Robinson.

"About six years ago we started looking around for alternative sites for commencement. It should be on campus, but the gym is not the best option," said Robinson.

There is currently a proposal for a 2,000 to 3,000 seat auditorium being considered by Purdue and the state legislature. The main function of the auditorium would be instructional, but it would also be available for commencement and theater productions. However, according to Robinson, the probability of this being passed is very slim. "In fact the more I talk about it the less likely it seems," said Robinson.

Kathy Sykes, graduation coordinator, said that the decision was out of her hands. It was made before she was hired.

The candidates for graduation this semester have already been notified of the change of venue. The official announcement will come in the following weeks because the contract will not be finalized until 60 days before the event.

Graduating students have varied reactions to the news.

Chad Jeffries, senior public relations major, considers it the best alternative to having an outdoor ceremony. "It is nice to have graduation in a formal setting. The atmosphere is so much better," said Jefferies.

Damian Anthony Rico, senior public relations and psychology major, has mixed feelings about the move off campus. There are strong ties to campus for Rico, but given the choice between the gym and the Star Plaza, he chooses the theater. "Graduates need a place they can be proud of. PUC should to build a facility to accommodate the growing needs of the university," said Rico.

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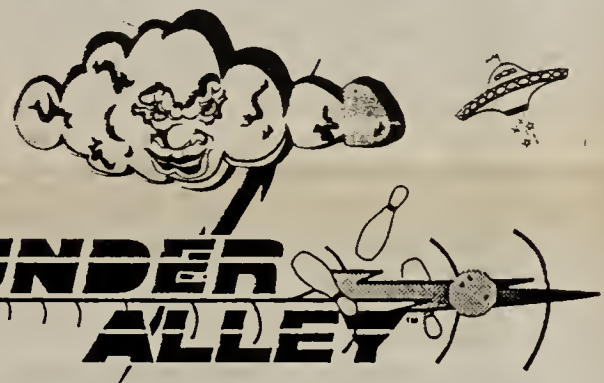

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'I Know What You Did' falls short

I Know What You Did Last Summer

Starring

Freddie Prinze Jr.
Jennifer Love Hewitt
Sarah Michelle Gellar
Ryan Phillippe

Reviewed by

Kelly Creviston and Jamee Harkins

A Columbia Pictures release

Above: Sarah Michelle Gellar stars as Helen, a high school beauty queen.
Left: Freddy Prinze, Jr. stars as Ray, a working class fisherman
Right: Helen, Barry (Ryan Phillippe), Julie (Jennifer Love Hewitt) and Ray share a quiet moment before the terror begins in the Columbia Pictures release "I Know What you did Last Summer."

With the seemingly thousands of action movies that are in the theaters these days, the idea of a horror movie was a welcome relief. That was our reason for choosing the recent blockbuster hit "I Know What You did Last Summer."

The movie is centered in a small fishing town in North Carolina, where four recent high school graduates are looking for one last night of fun before the summer is over. Excited after Helen (Sarah Michelle Gellar) wins the Croaker Queen Beauty Contest, the group heads to the beach to celebrate. While sitting around a fire telling old legends, the conversation soon turns to their futures that are about to begin.

Helen is going off to New York to pursue a career in acting, her boyfriend Barry (Ryan Phillippe) plans to go off to school to play football. Julie (Jennifer Love Hewitt) is getting ready to study law in college while her boyfriend Ray (Freddie Prinze Jr.) is only concerned with continuing their relationship.

While driving home they hit something in the road that changed their lives forever. In a moment of panic, the group tries to cover up their mistake so that it won't jeopardize their futures.

Their only problem is that someone knows what they did.

Movie views

I Know What You Did Last Summer

The plot

Jamee: I thought the plot was a good idea and it kept me on the edge of my seat.

Kelly: I was hoping that this movie would put me as much on edge as the movie "Scream," but I think that although it was good it fell somewhat short.

Highlights

Jamee: Barry walking around in a towel baring his beautifully defined chest.

Kelly: How can you have a highlight in a scary movie?

Acting

Jamee: I thought that they acted pretty realistic. I've never seen either of the male actors, and I thought they did a good job for their first big success.

Kelly: I was impressed with the acting of Jennifer Love Hewitt. She was the group's moral center, and I thought that she portrayed the role very realistically.

Was it worth it?

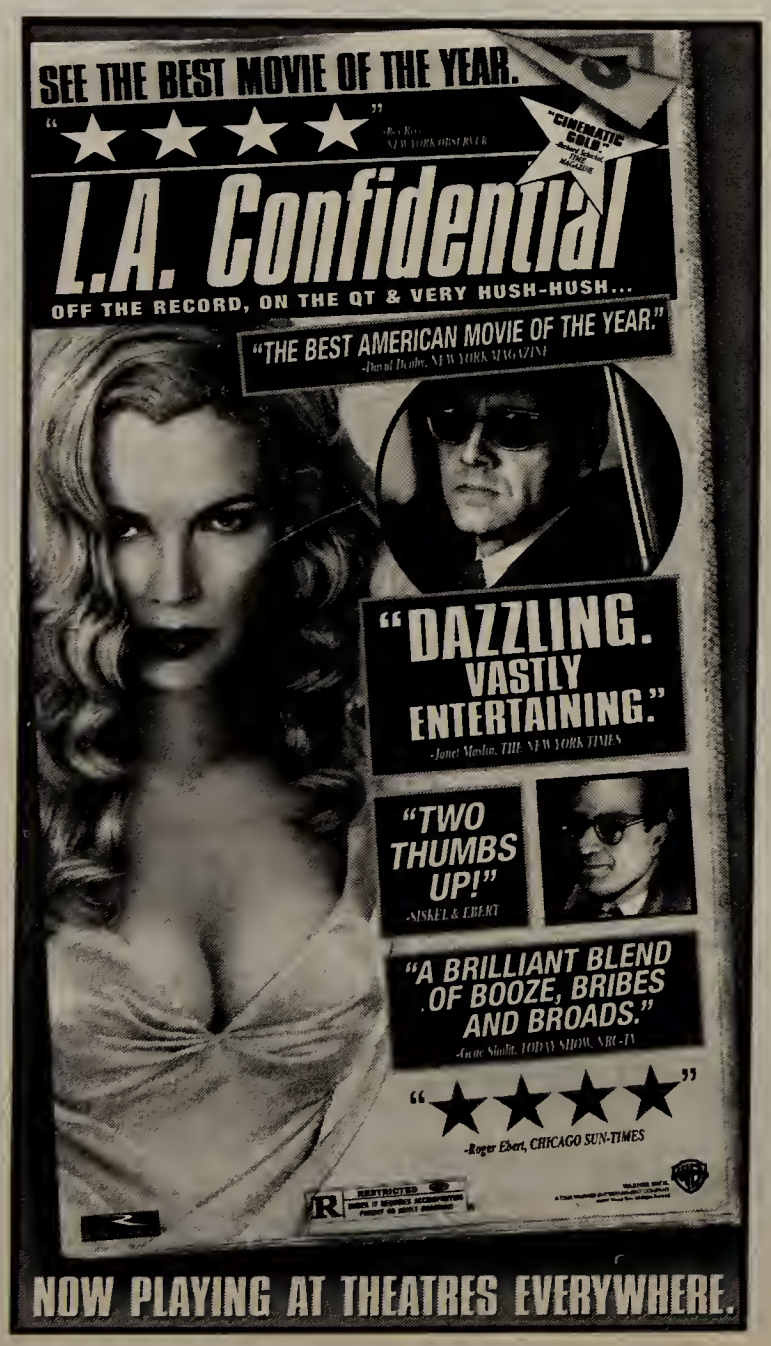
Jamee: It's worth going to see, it definitely doesn't compare to "Scream", though.

Kelly: I think it was worth it. It did make me jump and scream, but I was expecting more.

Ratings

Jamee: 4 out of 5
Kelly: 4 out of 5

Overall, the movie was a good change of pace, but we are both anxiously anticipating the premier of "Scream 2."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Halloween recipes to tempt your soul

Save your pumpkin scraps from the carving this Halloween. Here are some recipes that call for cooked pumpkin. Cut the pumpkin from the rind and steam or boil until it is soft.

Pumpkin Cookies

1/2 cup of butter
1 1/2 cups of sugar and cream butter
After mixing add one egg and blend well
1 cup of cooked pumpkin
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/2 cups of flour
1 t. baking powder
1 t. baking soda
1 t. nutmeg
1/2 t. salt
1 t. cinnamon
Optional: 1/2 cup walnuts
1 cup chocolate chips

Blend together dry ingredients: flour, powder, soda, salt and spices, and add to pumpkin mixture. Optional: Stir in nuts and chips. Add drop by spoonfuls onto baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for fifteen minutes, cool for five and eat!

Pan de Los Muertos - Bread of the Dead

2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 Tablespoons sugar
¼ t. salt
1 egg
2/3 cup milk
¼ cup vegetable oil
10 drops anise extract
¼ cup of brown sugar
1 T. flour
1 t. ground cinnamon
1 T. melted butter

Mix all of the above until smooth. Heat the oven to 400 degrees and grease a cookie sheet. With clean hands, mold the dough into a round shape with a knob on the top. This could be a skull shape. You can also mold the dough into smaller round shapes, animals, faces or angels. Place dough on cookie sheet.

Mix together brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and melted butter for the topping. Sprinkle topping on dough and bake for 20 to 25 minutes. When cool, decorate the skull shaped knobs, animals or faces with icing sugar to make eyes, nose and mouth.

Pumpkin Soup

4 pounds of peeled pumpkin, chopped
2 onions, chopped
2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
1 teaspoon nutmeg or 3 t. curry powder
1 t. salt
2 cups water
freshly ground pepper
2 1/2 cups milk

Place pumpkin, apples, onion, stock, nutmeg and salt in water in a heavy saucepan and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer for 40 minutes or until pumpkin is tender. Puree in a blender or processor.

Return to pan and add milk and pepper. Garnish with cilantro if curry is used.

Nuclear waste a hot topic

BY AMARACHI IGBOEGWU
Staff Writer

Dr. Hans Plendl, professor of physics at Florida State University, addressed the problems and prospects of nuclear waste transmutation at a recent Purdue University Calumet physics seminar. Plendl specifically discussed the increase in nuclear energy, methods through which waste is stored and measures now in place to help ensure safety.

Many industrialized countries have begun to use nuclear energy because it is efficient and cost effective. However, it is also difficult to manage and easily becomes hazardous, according to Dr. Plendl.

The greatest concern about possible disasters in the past has been concentrated on human error, "but equipment failure is becoming an even more likely cause as reactors get older and are not replaced in countries that say they cannot afford to scrap them," Plendl said. Activists are currently attempting to force authorities in all countries to maintain or replace their equipment more frequently.

Despite the aging of reactors, the human factor is still in question. As more and more countries gain access to nuclear power, the quality of the staffs and their training has come under scrutiny. Plendl suggests that reactor crews adhere to the same rigid personnel selection processes as a submarine crew.

The storage of these waste products is also a pressing issue. While the volume of radioactive waste is minimal in comparison to chemical and other industrial waste, it poses a much larger threat to society, according to Plendl. Most reactors store the waste on site temporarily until a final disposal site has been arranged. This creates a prolonged opportunity for the waste to leak out into the ground water as it waits for disposal.

Plendl also addressed the probability of fusion based nuclear power technology being perfected in the near future. This technology would decrease the amount of byproducts and damage to the environment.

"Experts estimated in 1958 that fulfillment of that hope was 30 years in the future. In 1997, it is still 30 years in the future," Plendl said. The tremendous heat generated during fusion melts all materials, and the necessary magnetic fields are too expensive to economically produce, according to Plendl.

Plendl came to the USA form his native Germany in 1948. He joined the Physics Department at Florida State University in 1956 after receiving his B.A. from Harvard and his Ph.D. from Yale.

Sports

Hawks claw to victory over Lakers

BY J.B. LYLES
Staff Writer

The Purdue University Calumet Lakers took a tough loss from the Scarlet Hawks of Illinois Institute of Technology 15-6, 14,16, 15-7 and 15-8 at home last Tuesday.

"We played fairly well. We had some gaps in the game, at some points we were on, and other points we were off," said Stacey Zurek, PUC head coach.

"We played with intensity throughout the match, we didn't want the ball to hit our floor at any cost and for that I'm proud of the Ladies."

PUC had support from Jamie Muskin and Vernita Davis in the first game.

Game Two was a different story. The Lakers came up with four unanswered points to edge out the Scarlet Hawks 16-14. Emily Bacan led the attack for the Lakers with an ace.

When game three rolled around it was simply Illinois Tech. Strong performances by Christa Moster and Christina Niemann helped the Scarlet Hawks' cause. The Lakers had solid performances from Ann Marie Hoogewerf and Jackie Penn.

In the clinching game, the Lakers had strong performances from Sarah Menke and Kristen Williams. However, the Scarlet Hawks had stronger performances from Brashen and Christine Guild. IIT took the game 15-8 to win the match 3-1.

IIT's record improves to 17-7 and PUC falls to 8-17.

Men's soccer loss owed to lack of numbers

Team won't talk after 9-0 blanking.

BY TERRENCE ISBELL
Staff Writer

Although shorthanded, the PUC soccer team attempted to set out to prove that they were an extreme force to be reckoned with against Wabash Junior College. Unfortunately, the imbalance is what ultimately led to a 9-0 shutout loss.

Aside from the obvious missing members from their roster, problems arose early in the match. Moments after the opening kickoff, midfielder Efrain Mata, already injured from a previous match, was knocked to the ground while attempting a steal and was forced to the sideline for several minutes.

Fullback Ricardo Vagner successfully completed two sliding tackles during the first half and prevented an imminent scoring shot from Wabash during the second half. Goalkeeper Anthony Segneri was also credited with four saves during the match.

However, the current losses also brought forth clearly visible images for drive and determination among the team.

The coach and team declined comment on their performance.

St. Anthony expands bereavement program

BY SCOTT GONZALES
Staff Writer

St. Anthony Hospice, a community service of Franciscan Homes and Community Services based out of St. Anthony Hospital, is expanding its Hope for Tomorrow bereavement program from a six week program to meet twice a month.

St. Anthony sees this as a better way to help the community deal with the death of loved ones. Anthony Panovzo, director of the Hope for Tomorrow program said, "We see this program as a community service to all people, which involves clinical supervision and guidance from professionals."

The Hope for Tomorrow program includes six concurrent sessions, which helps clients in dealing with stages of grief and healing the pain of loss. In these sessions, survivors learn to find hope again and begin to find their patterns of life through sharing experiences. This group is open to anyone dealing with the death of a loved one.

Hope for Tomorrow meets from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Holy Family Center, 205 Franciscan Drive, Crown Point. For more information contact Panovzo of St. Anthony Hospice at 757-6180.

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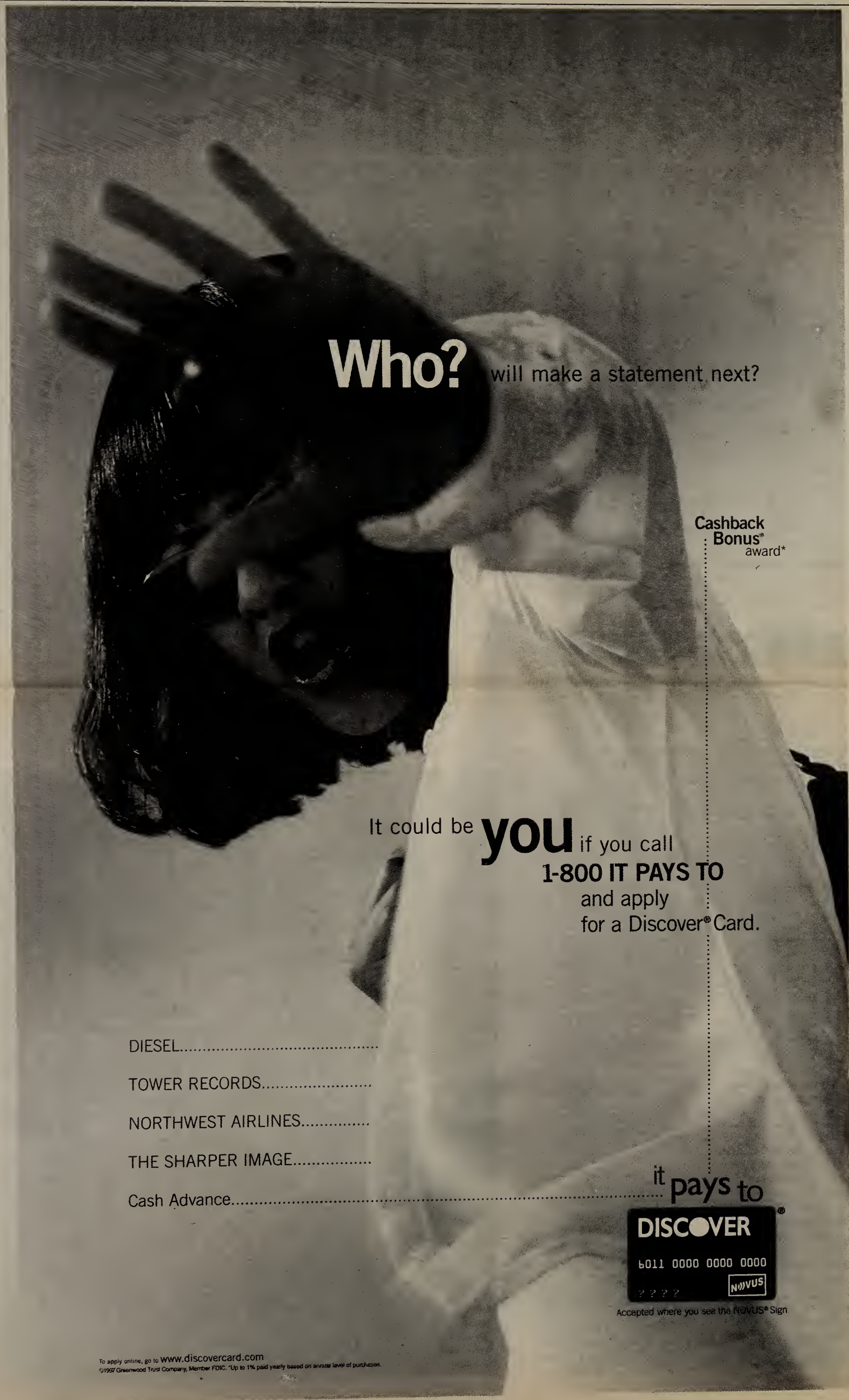
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